

News Release

U of M Crookston inducts three individuals and one team into Athletic Hall of Fame; Induction ceremony to take place on Friday, September 24, 2010

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Three individuals along with the 1982 football team will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at the University of Minnesota. Crookston. The induction ceremony, held jointly with the recognition of outstanding alumni, will be held on Friday, September 24, 2010, beginning with a social at 6 p.m.in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, and followed by dinner and a program. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 218-281-8439.

The 2010 inductees include June Shaver, '76 and '82; Ken Essay, ex. '94; Rick Spaeth, '86; and the 1982 Trojan Football Team.



June Shaver (left) has been an advocate and ardent supporter of Golden Eagle athletic programs. She has been recognized over the years with several awards including the Torch & Shield Award, the U of M, Crookston's most prestigious award in 1994 and the Outstanding Alumni award in 1995. She has also established several endowed scholarships for student-athletes along with the Environmental Landscaping Internship Fund and the Shaver Butterfly Garden located adjacent to Owen Hall on the Crookston campus in memory of her parents. She earned her associate degree in accounting and applied studies in 1976 and 1982 respectively. She was office manager for American Linen Supply in St. Paul, Minn., for ten years, and Portland, Ore., for two years. From 1953-83, Shaver was administrator for the Northwestern Clinic in Crookston.

Ken Essay (right) attended the U of M, Crookston from 1992-94 when he transferred to Minnesota State University, Mankato to complete a bachelor's degree in physical education and health. He earned a master of science degree in educational leadership also from Mankato and is currently the activities director at Mankato West High School as well as their boys' hockey coach. Prior to that he was a physical education and health teacher at Mankato West and as a long-term substitute in the New Ulm, Minn., School District. He was a two year letter winner and captain at the U of M, Crookston and in 1993-94, he was named a National Junior College Athletic Association All American.



Rick Spaeth (left) earned his associate degree in restaurant management in 1986 from the U of M, Crookston Technical College. He earned his bachelor of science from St. Cloud State University. He is currently the owner of R & R Masonry, Inc. in Paynesville, Minn. Spaeth was named to the All-Conference offensive line in 1984, and as All Conference offensive and defensive tackle in 1985. That same year, he also was named to the All Region defensive and offensive lines, National Junior College All American First Team and was the team's captain.

The 1982 Trojan Football Team (below), with its 7-1 win-loss record, won the Northern Division Conference title. The team advanced to the state title game losing to Normandale Community College and they also played in the Midwest Bowl in Joliet, Ill., that fall. Coach for the division champs was Jim Sims who will present the award to the team and to Shaver and Spaeth as well. Retired Associate Professor of Biology Jerry Knutson will present to Essay.



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